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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army: As before to SPEYER R5180 - thence MICHELFELD R7670 - HILSBACH R8167 - LAUFFEN S0353 (all to Seventh Army) - STUTTGART S0920 (to First Fr Army) - WALDENBUCH S0205 - TUBINGEN W9791 - thence along NECKAR River to ROTTWEIL W6651 - BLUMENFELD W7013 (all to Seventh Army).

Boundary change between Third Army and Fifteenth Army: RHINE River from OPPENHEIM M4539 to BOPPARD L8982.

Boundary change between First Army and Fifteenth Army: RHINE River from LAHNSTEIN L9090 to vicinity A2918.

Boundary between Second British Army and First Canadian Army: As before to V5223 (to Second Br Army) - thence NORDHORN V5427 - LINGEN V7136 - HASELUNNE V8354 - CLOPPENBURG W2173 - CR W3279 - NEERSSTEDT W4586 - thence line of railroad to IMMER W5191 - line of railroad to GANDERKESEE W5493 (all to First Cdn Army except GANDERKESEE W5493 to Second Br Army) - thence STENUM W5598 - VEGESACK R5908 (all to First Cdn Army).

Boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps: R3342 - R4030 - R4623 - R4718 - W4988 - W5085.

Boundary between VI Corps and XXI Corps: S4489 - S5605 - X5090 - X5380 - X4775 - X4866 - X4061 - X3660 - X2840 - X1940 - X0434 - X0014.

Boundary between XXI Corps and XV Corps: N7705 - S7690 - S7678 - S7878 - S8866 - S8660 - S8955 - S9548 - T0232 - T1625 - T2020 - T2700 - Y3080.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (191200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. II French Corps. 9th Colonial Division (with 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd) and 1st French Armored Division. The two divisions operated in mutual support of each other. Gained up to six miles south on a twenty-two mile front. Units captured GENGENBACH W2178 and a bridge over the river in that vicinity. Many towns in the zone were captured. 9th Zouaves, 126th Infantry and 2d Group Moroccan Tabors were attached to 4th French Mountain Division. Combat Command "2" supported the 4th French Mountain Division. Front line change: MAHLBERG W0665 - KIPPENHEIM W0766 - MIETERSHEIM W0870 - KUNBACH W1371 - REICHENDACH W1470 - SEELBACH W1567 - W2178 - OPPENAU W3187. 4th French Mountain Division. Assigned a sector on the left of the 9th Colonial Division and 1st French Armored Division and, supported by Combat Command "2" 1st French Armored Division, advanced up to nine miles south. Front line change: W3493 - W3988 - W4685.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division and 5th French Armored Division. Mutually supported each other and gained up to fifteen miles southeast on a twenty-mile front. A bridge over the NECKAR River in the vicinity of TUBINGEN W9791 was captured. TUBINGEN W9791, HERRENBERG R8400 and WURMBINGEN W9190 were captured. Front line change: W5782 - W6084 - W6666 - W7885 - W8386 - ROTTENBG W8987 - W9190 - W9792 - W8696 - R8400 - R7703. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Gained up to nine miles and reached WIERNESHEIM R8233 and SERRES R8433. Front line change: R7722 - R8233 - R8433. 14th French Division. Continued movement to the vicinity of BRUCHSAL R6358.

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SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Gained up to three miles south on a thirteen-mile front. Resistance was scattered. Front line change: S1452 - S1651 - S2452 - S2550 - S3350 - S3549. 44th Division. (Less 324th Inf). Relieved units of the 63d Division and had elements in the area of S4145 - S4250 - S4449 - S4655. Front line change: S4655. 10th Armored Division. Gained eleven miles south on a seven-mile front and occupied MITTEL ROT S4745 and VORD S4541. Front line change: S3747 - S3947 - S4243 - S4541 - S4745 - S4848. 63d Division. The 254th Infantry made an advance of up to one mile south. The 255th Infantry and 253d Infantry were relieved by the 44th Division. The 255th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of S5974, the 253d Infantry assembled and commenced movement to the XXI Corps zone. Front line change: S5264 - S5766 - S5973.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. (With 324th Inf atchd). Advanced south up to five miles on a sixteen-mile front. On the right, units gained two miles on a two-mile front. The 324th Infantry was relieved from attachment, assembled in the vicinity of S7178 and commenced movement to rejoin the 44th Division. Front line change: S6676 - S6874 - S7075 and S7775 - S7881 - S7980 - S8181 - S8380 - S8980 - S9079 - T0379. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" followed the advance of the 4th Division, captured LEUTERSHAUSEN S9481 but was held up by a mined road south of the town. Combat Command "B" operated in the vicinity of ANSBACH T0681 while Combat Command "A" blocked roads east in the vicinity of T3687. Reconnaissance units reached MERKENDORF T1671 where they repulsed a counterattack. Front line change: T0681 and T3687.

XV Corps. 42d Division. The 232d Infantry cut all roads leading southwest out of NURNBERG T4299. The remainder of the division captured all but four blocks of FURTH 03601. Front line change: ZIRNDORF T3398. 3d and 45th Divisions. Continued fighting in NURNBERG where all but seven city blocks had been captured. Front line change: O4000. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" gained six miles on a two-mile front and captured POLLING T6783. The remainder of the division repulsed an infiltration in the vicinity of ALTDORF T6293. Front line change: T6783 - T7086.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 6th Airborne Division. Patrols reported contact with enemy on the line Y0894 - Y0896. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). 227th Brigade captured UELZEN X8989 and advanced to the vicinity of S8630 and S8131 where they commenced to relieve units of the 11th Armored Division. Progress was delayed by a destroyed bridge in the vicinity of S8131. Front line change: S8630 - S8131. 11th Armored Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). The bridge over the ELBE River in the vicinity of S8833 was destroyed. On the left, an advance of five miles was made and units reached WINSEN S6432 and occupied WESTERGELLERSEN S6718. The FORST MUNSTER X6097 still contained some enemy troops. On the right, contact was made with the 15th Division in the vicinity of S8131. Front line change: S8131 and S6631 - S6432 - S6431.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). Made contact with units of the 11th Armored Division in the area S6217. Other units gained up to five miles north on a twenty-mile front. The 160th Infantry was attached to the division and relieved 155th Brigade which reverted to command of the 52d Division. Front line change: S6217 and S5234 - S4934 - S4236 - S3638 - S3438 - S3433. Guards Armored Division. The 5th Guards Armored Brigade attacked west directed on ELSDORF S0817 and ZEVEN S0323, captured BOITZEN S0927 and reached MEINSTEDT S0527. The 32d Guards Infantry Brigade attacked northwest and reached the edge of SCHEESSEL S1709 after having repelled a counterattack in the vicinity of VISSELHOVDE X2489. Front line change: S2427 - S0927 - S0527 - S1709. 53d Division. Attacked northeast to engage enemy reported in the area X1886 - X1688 - X1687 - X1488 and reached X1588. The 160th Brigade was attached to the 7th Armored Division. Front line change: X1588.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. (Less 155th Bde and with 4th Armd Bde atchd). The 157th Brigade on the right and the 156th Brigade on the left advanced up to one mile north without contact after having captured WALLE X0287 and the area X0088 against strong opposition and mopped up in the vicinity of W9289. Front line

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change: W9590 - W9289. 3d Division. (With 52d Rcn Regt atchd). Made a slight advance and reached the vicinity of W6696. Front line change: W6696. 51st Division. Advanced one mile northwest. Reconnaissance patrols reached the area W6095 - W5095 without contact. Front line change: W5692 - W5486. 43d Division. The 129th Brigade made a slight advance to the vicinity of W5185. The 130th Brigade was attached to the 52d Division. The 214th Brigade was relieved by units of the 2d Canadian Division. Front line change: W5185.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Patrolled to SAGE W3283 which was unoccupied by the enemy. Units relieved the 214th Brigade. The 5th Canadian Brigade assembled in the vicinity of HASELUNGE V8253. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Continued to hold its bridgehead over the KUSTEN Canal in the vicinity of WI399 against heavy opposition. 1st Polish Armored Division. Seized a bridgehead over the canal in the vicinity of V7488 and advanced two miles north against moderate opposition. Front line change: V7393 - V7591.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Relieved the 5th Canadian Armored Division. Advanced north and reached the sea at Z6423 without contact. 2d Canadian Brigade advanced west to the area Z4300 where strong opposition was met and the brigade withdrew to the vicinity of E5099. Other units of the division reached NIJKERK Z4505. Front line change: Z6423 and Z4505. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Patrolled northeast to ZOOM Z6722 and made contact with the 49th Reconnaissance Regiment in that area. Front line change: ZOOM Z6722.

AIR. (19 Apr). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 605 B17s against marshalling yards and railroad facilities in southeastern Germany and northeastern Czechoslovakia. 589 bombers dropped 1,367.3 tons of general purpose and 156.5 tons of incendiary bombs on the assigned targets. 410 P51s sortied in support of the bomber operation. Claims included 15 enemy aircraft. 1 P51 was lost. 154 P51s sortied on freelance missions in support of the bomber operations. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 373 bombers against 3 marshalling yards in Germany. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,231 sorties. Claims included 11 enemy aircraft in the air and 74 enemy aircraft on the ground, 392 motor transport and 72 locomotives. 5 fighters were lost.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Small amounts, but broken to overcast in extreme north. Visibility: 1 - 3 miles at dawn, except locally where limited to 1,000 yards, improving to 3 - 5 miles by 1100B and to more than 5 - 8 miles during the afternoon. Wind: 8 mph, north northwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 70° F. Minimum 49° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance was moderate to scattered on the army front. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). No change. 70th Division. No change. 16th Armored Division. Enroute to the Third Army zone.

III Corps. 86th Division. Attached to the III Corps and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of 00536.

XX Corps. 71st Division. Advanced southeast on a thirteen-mile front and gained up to three miles. Front line change: 06926 - 07629 - 07931 - 00835 - 08139 - 08242. 3d Cavalry Group. The 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of LICHTENFELS 03776.

XII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Advanced southeast up to ten miles and captured GRAFENWOHR P0031. Front line change: GRAFENWOHR P0031. 26th Division. Advanced east up to eleven miles on an eighteen-mile front. The 328th Infantry captured BIRK 08448 and RAMLESREUTH 09046. The 101st Infantry captured KIRCHENLAMITZ P0181. Front line change: RAMLESREUTH 09046 - 09251 - 08659 - 09062 - FICHTELBERG 09564 - TROSTAU P0165. 90th Division. Advanced east on a

fifteen-mile front and gained seven miles. The 358th Infantry captured REHAU P0691. Front line change: WUNSIEDEL P0568 - P0373 - P0777 - P0979 - P1281 - P1284 - P1487 - P1290. 2d Cavalry Group. The 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced east up to five miles on a five-mile front and covered the left flank of the 90th Division. Front line change: P1492 - P1395 - P1599.

VIII Corps. 4th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of CRIMMITSCHAU K2756. 6th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" relieved Combat Command "B" on the front line. Combat Command "B" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ZEITZ K0881. 76th Division. The 417th Infantry occupied the line K6061 - K6568. Front line change: K6061 - K6568.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 20th Armored Division. No change. 78th Division. (With 112th RCT atched). The 309th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of G7574. 5th Division. No change.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Advanced northwest up to six miles and captured GR. KROSTITZ E2728. Front line change: GR. KROSTITZ E2728. 69th Division. Cleared the enemy from LEIPZIG E2314 east of the WEISSE ELSTER River with the exception of a strong point in the vicinity of Napoleon's monument E2511. The 273d Infantry was enroute to relieve Combat Command "B" 9th Armored Division. 2d Division. Continued mopping up in its zone. The 9th Infantry was enroute to relieve Combat Command "R" 9th Armored Division. 7th Armored Division. Closed in assembly area.

VII Corps. 104th Division. Advanced east up to nineteen miles on a ten-mile front against light resistance. The 415th Infantry captured ROITZSCH E1340. The 414th Infantry contacted units of the 102d Cavalry Group (V Corps) in the vicinity of D9022. Front line change: E2024 - E1428 - E1433 - E1736 - E1637. 3d Armored Division. Advanced east up to two miles on a three-mile front but met heavy resistance in JESSNITZ E1552. Heavy house-to-house fighting continued in WOLFEN E1350 and BOBRAU-STEINFURTH E1352. Front line change: GREPPIN E1548 - JESSNITZ E1552. 9th Division. (With 4th Cav Gp atched). Continued its attack north in the HARZ Mountains and captured QUEDLINBURG D3560 against light resistance. Front line change: D3152. 1st Division. Advanced north into the HARZ Mountains and gained up to four miles on a fourteen-mile front against light to moderate but scattered resistance. The 18th Infantry captured ELBINGERODE D1157, HUTTENRODE D1957 and THALE D2855. Front line change: THALE D2855 - D2155 - HUTTENRODE D1957 - D0656.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Assumed responsibility for the 13th Armored Division zone at 192000B. 97th Division. Cleared all enemy resistance from its zone. 13th Armored Division. Cleared all enemy resistance from its zone.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 8th Armored Division. (Less CCA and CCB). Attached to the XIX Corps as of 19 April.

XIX Corps. 330th Infantry. The regiment commenced to be relieved by Combat Command "A" of the 8th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" 8th Armored Division. Reverted to the control of the 8th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" commenced to relieve the 330th Infantry. 83d Division. (Less 330th Inf and with CCR 2d Armd Div, 320th Inf and 113th Cav Gp atched). The 320th Infantry relieved Combat Command "R", 2d Armored Division, in the bridgehead over the ELBE River. Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of WALTERNIEMBURG D8882. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR). Commenced movement to the vicinity of BRAUNSCHWEIG X9010. 30th Division. Commenced to relieve the 2d Armored Division.

XIII Corps. Continued to attack the enemy pocket in FORST KLOTZE Y3652. 407th Infantry. No change. 102d Division. (Loss 407th Inf). The 406th Infantry was attached to XIII Corps for operations only and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Y3354. 5th Armored Division. Eliminated the enemy pocket in the woods in the vicinity of Y1761 and continued to attack an enemy pocket in the vicinity of DIESDORF Y1266. Combat Command "A" covered the area Y0363 - X9463. Front line change: Y0363 - X9463. 84th Division. The 335th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Y4384. 29th Division. The division was enroute

to an assembly area in the vicinity of UETZE X6832. 11th Cavalry Group. The 36th Cavalry Squadron was relieved along the corps north flank by the 335th Infantry (84th Div) and was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of Y2747.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. Turned over the responsibility for DUISBURG A3114 to the 97th Division (First Army) and commenced to withdraw from the city. 95th Division. The 378th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of DIEPHOLZ W4346.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. (With 422d and 423d RCTs atchd). No change. 106th Division. (Less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for the area uncovered by the Fifteenth-Third Army boundary change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 192400B).

|                        | Killed | Wounded | Missing | Captured         | Total   |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 12th Army Group Battle | 71,985 | 293,487 | 36,379  | 9,607            | 411,458 |
| Non-battle             |        |         |         |                  | 307,694 |
|                        |        |         |         | Total Casualties | 719,152 |

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: 44th Division S3956; 12th Armored Division S9594; 14th Armored Division T6293.

21 Army Group: VIII British Corps LUNEBURG S7721; 4th Canadian Armored Division W1194; Guards Armored Division X3392.

12th Army Group: Third Army Tac HERSFELD H3954; 2d Division MARK RANSTADT E1209; 26th Division STAMMBACH O8279; 29th Division UETZE X6832; 35th Division TANGERHUTTE Y7734; 65th Division SCHNAITTACH O6012; 90th Division KIRCHENLAMITZ P0181; 99th Division TROSSENFURT O0951; 104th Division ROITZSCHGEN E0635; 4th Armored Division CRIMMITSCHAU K2756; 8th Armored Division HALBERSTADT D2772; 11th Armored Division OBER BIBRACH O9042.

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